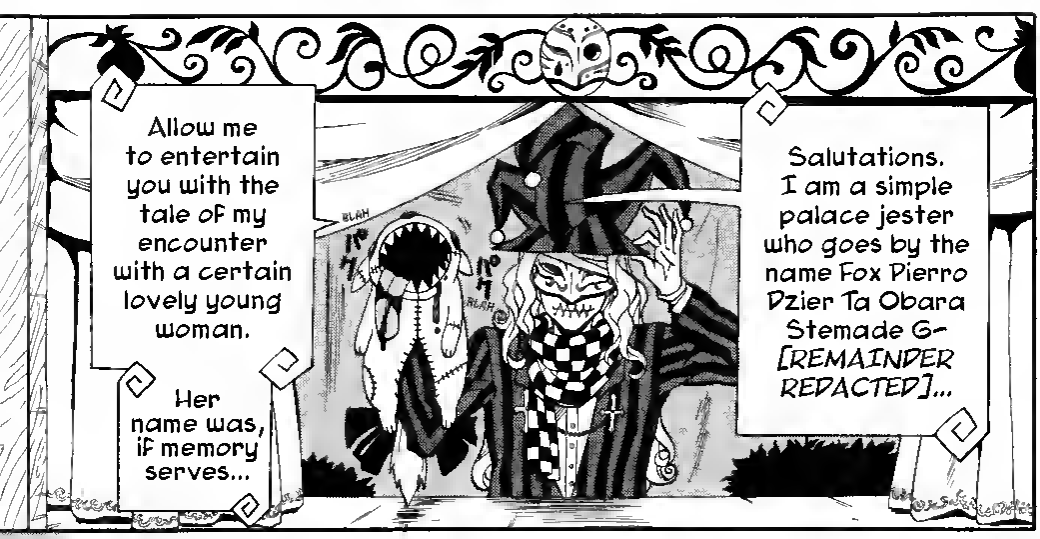
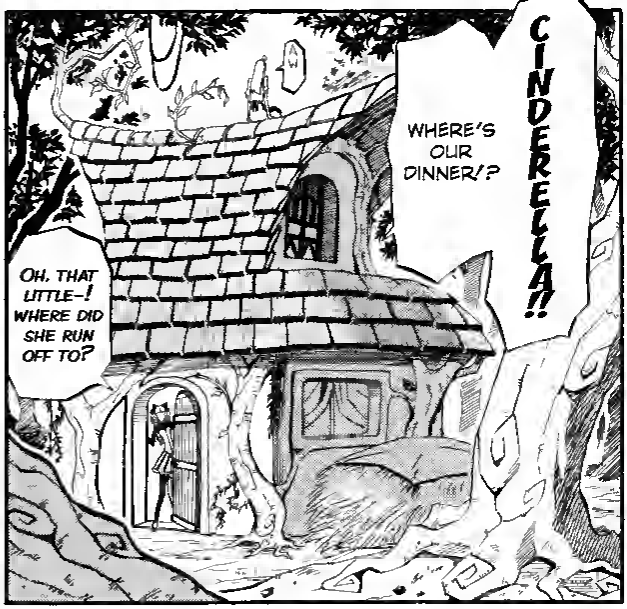
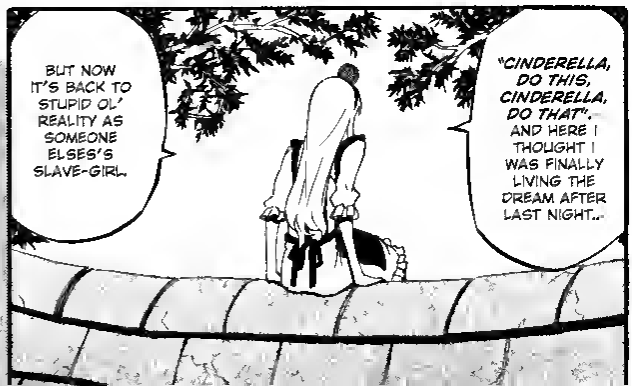

Allow me to entertain you with the tale of my encounter with a certain lovely young woman.
Her name was, if memory serves...
BLAH
BLAH
Salutations. I am a simple palace jester who goes by the name Fox Pierro Dzier Ta Obara Stemade G- [REMAINDER REDACTED]...

MAYBE IT REALLY WAS JUST A DREAM...
12時の鐘の鳥3
岸本聖史


CINDERELLA!!
WHERE'S OUR DINNER!?
OH. THAT LITTLE-! WHERE DID SHE RUN OFF TO?


"CINDERELLA, DO THIS, CINDERELLA, DO THAT". AND HERE I THOUGHT I WAS FINALLY LIVING THE DREAM AFTER LAST NIGHT...
BUT NOW IT'S BACK TO STUPID OL' REALITY AS SOMEONE ELSES'S SLAVE-GIRL.

YOUR EYES HAVE BEEN ON ME ALL NIGHT. WOULD YOU CARE TO DANCE?
I... IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE...
So this is what a royal ball is like.
This is AWESOME! Everything's, like, sparkly and shiny and pretty and stuff!!
Tonight, the bells will sound...
The bells which toll Cinderella's fate...
12時の鐘が鳴る
Twelve o'clock bell rings
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「少年ライバル」から参戦！
岸本聖史
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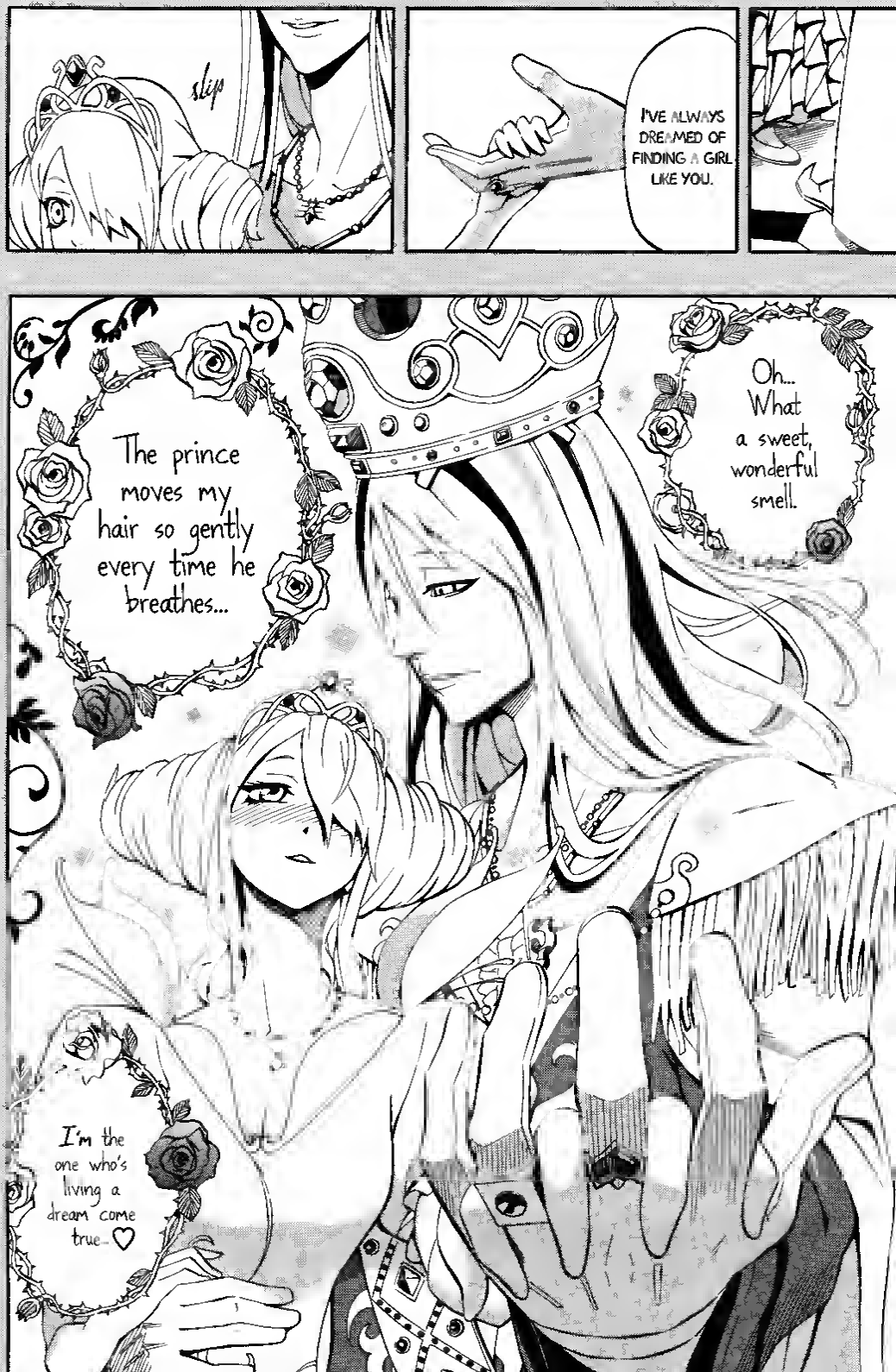
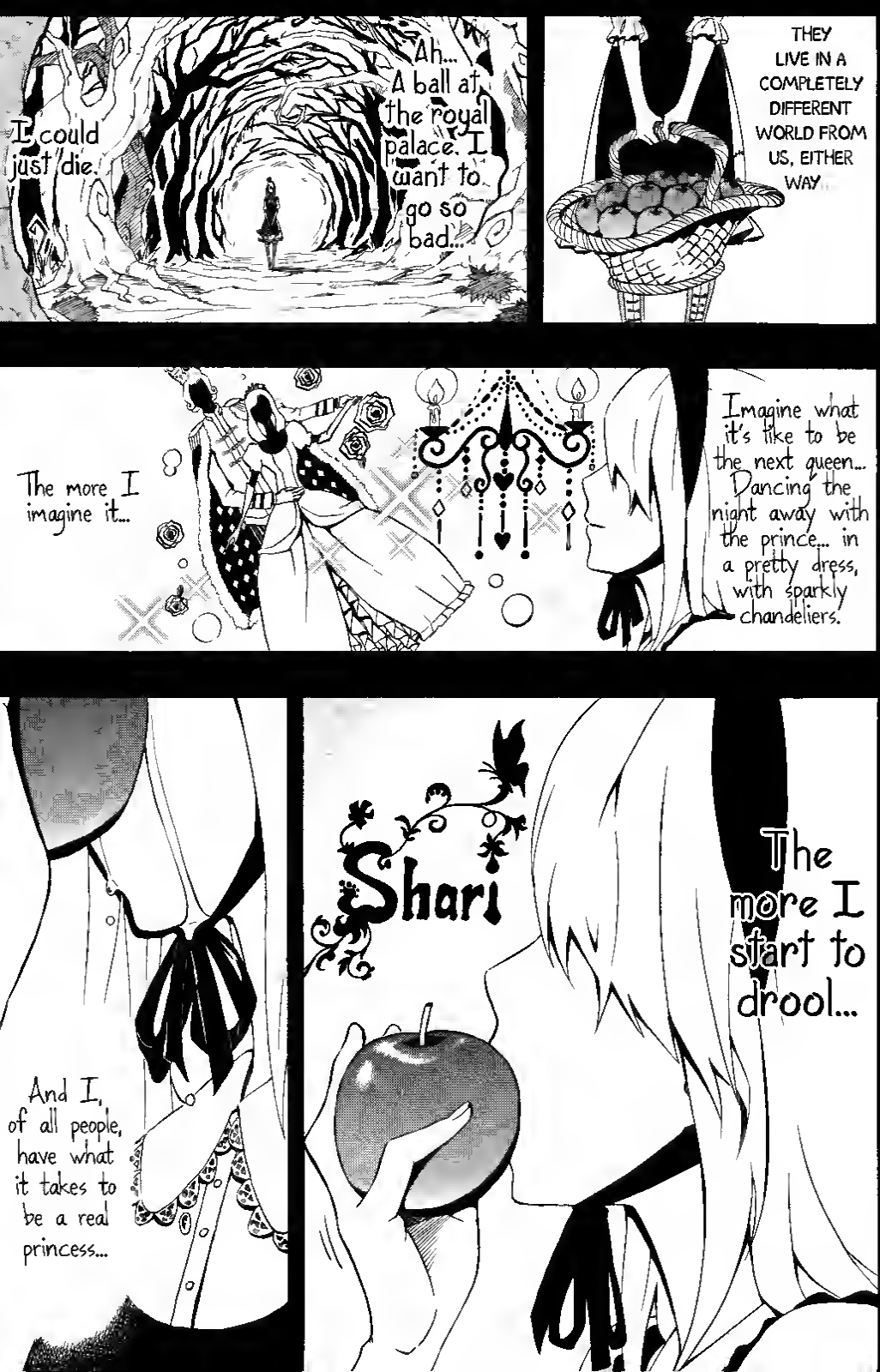

slip
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF FINDING A GIRL LIKE YOU.
The prince moves my hair so gently every time he breathes...
Oh... What a sweet, wonderful smell.
I'm the one who's living a dream come true♡

for the rest of time...
This is so ACE! Oh, he's such a hunk. I wish I could keep dancing with him...
She's a tramp, that's what she is. Can you believe those lewd eyes she's making at him?
SHE'S TOTALLY HOGGING THE PRINCE ALL TO HERSELF. IT'S NOT FAIR!
But...
XII
Tic

I FEEL JUST TERRIBLE FOR THAT POOR PRINCE.
Three hours before the ball
I HEAR TONIGHT THEY'RE HOLDING ANOTHER BALL TO DECIDE WHO HE'LL MARRY- ALL THE ELIGIBLE YOUNG LADIES IN THE LAND ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.
AND I'LL BET YOU THEY'RE ONLY AFTER THE ROYAL FORTUNE, TOO.
AND DID YOU KNOW? EVEN AS WE SPEAK, HE STILL HASN'T DECIDED ON WHOM HE'LL MARRY!
HE'S BEEN APPROACHED BY SO MANY WOMEN WHO THINK THEY OUGHT TO BE THE NEXT QUEEN.
SO I HEAR.
ONLY MEMBERS OF THE NOBILITY ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE PALACE.
DRESSED IN THOSE RAGS? I DOUBT IT!
Oh, what I'd give to go just once!
I just know I could make that prince fall head-over-heels in love with me!

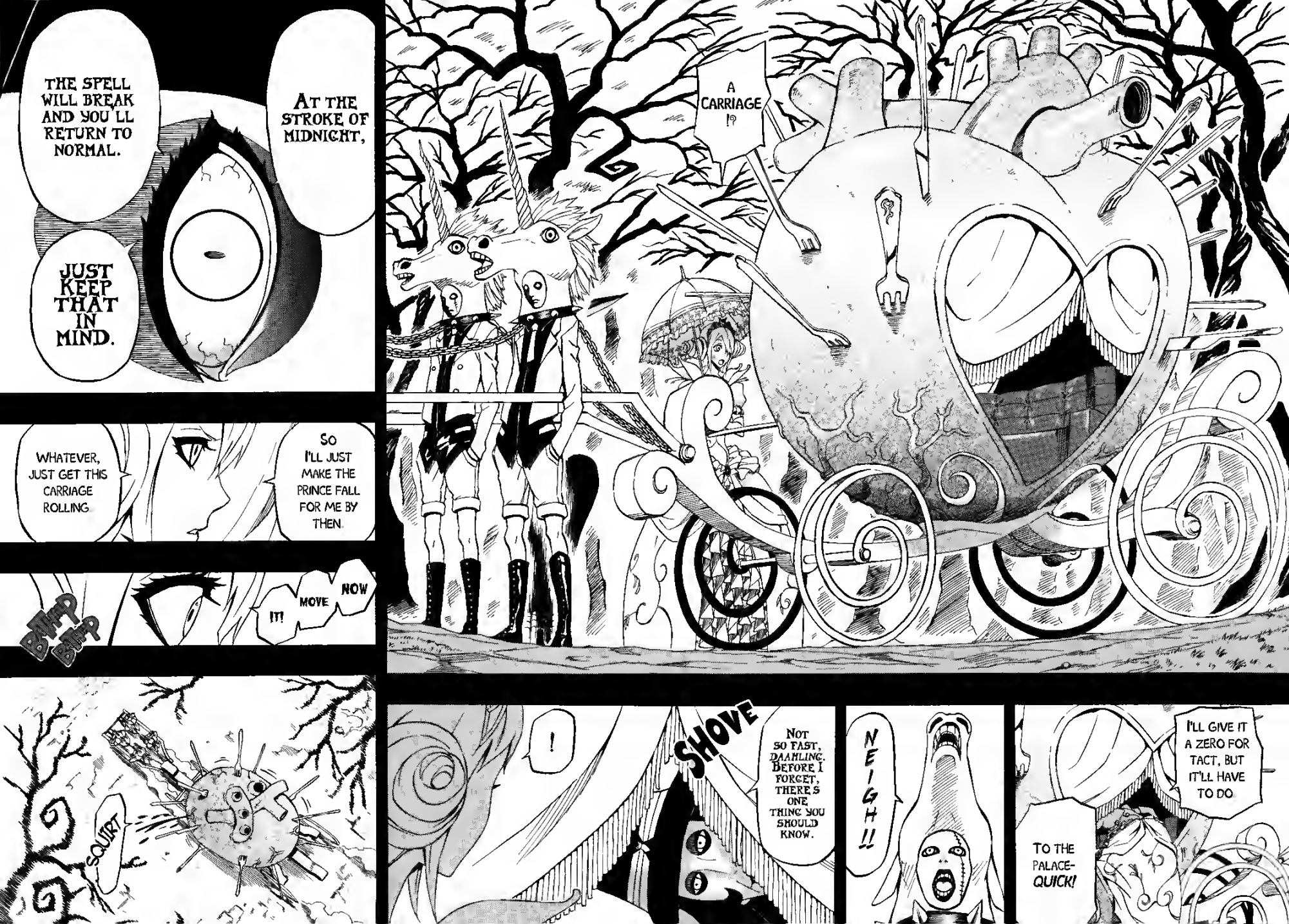

I could just die.
Ah... A ball at the royal palace. I want to go so bad...
THEY LIVE IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLD FROM US, EITHER WAY
The more I imagine it...
Imagine what it's like to be the next queen... Dancing the night away with the prince... in a pretty dress, with sparkly chandeliers.
And I, of all people, have what it takes to be a real princess...
Shari
The more I start to drool...

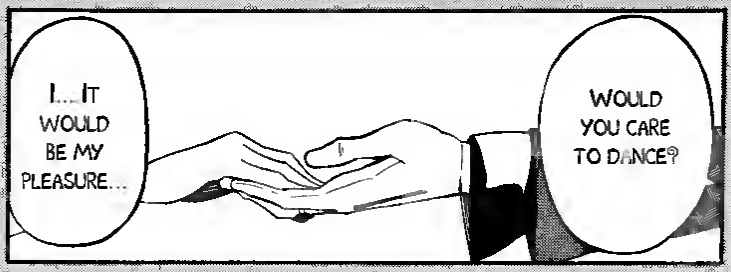
But...
In reality, I'm just another tool...
for other people to use as they will...
Eporo
CRIK
ROLL
ROLL
GRRRRIK
PLUCK
CRIK
Fon

ZWUP ZUP
My, my, what have we here? Such intense feelings of desire compelled me to show myself.
Yet who should I see before me but such a sad-looking child? Cheer up, you pretty little thing.
You're doing a disservice to all the hideous wretches in the world.
Wh.. who are you!?
FLAP FLAP
Why, a witch, of course.
See what I did to this apple?
Oh! You must be one of those new scam artists who pretend to use magic to steal peoples' money.
What? I haven't the slightest idea of what you're talking about. And I'm a witch, by the way.
...
Oh, well. All the same.
I'll give you a passing grade on account of that desire I felt from you and those oh-so-charming adorable looks of yours...
So just this once, I think I could find it in my heart to grant this wish of yours.
FWIP

IS THAT SOME NEW MODELING PREPOSITION SCAM?
CRUNCH
GIVE IT UP AND BELIEVE ME ALREADY, YOU LITTLE BRAT.
OR I'LL TURN YOU INTO A FROG.
OKAY, ASSUMING THAT YOU ARE A REAL WITCH AND YOU CAN MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE, WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?
CRUNCH
I SIMPLY WANT TO SEE SOMETHING MORE BEAUTIFUL.
WHY, THERE'S NOTHING AS ATTRACTIVE AS A GIRL WHO LOOKS HER BEST AND IS COMPLETELY HAPPY WITH LIFE.
ALRIGHT, I'LL BELIEVE YOU, BUT... IT'S STILL TOO LATE. I'M OUT OF TIME...
MUNCH MUNCH
OH, PISH-POSH. I'M A WITCH, REMEMBER? YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME WHAT YOU WISH FOR ME TO KNOW WHAT IT IS. I HAVE YOU COVERED, CHILD.
OH, I LOVE THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE. WHAT A TURN-ON!♡
=GULP=

!
NOW LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN REALLY DO!
=HAAAAA!=
!
NO WAY !
LIKE I SAID, I'LL NEVER HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO
WAIT. I MEAN, THE BALL'S SERIOUSLY ALREADY STARTED
TURN AROUUUND, CHILD~


AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT,
THE SPELL WILL BREAK AND YOU'LL RETURN TO NORMAL.
JUST KEEP THAT IN MIND.
A CARRIAGE!?
SO I'LL JUST MAKE THE PRINCE FALL FOR ME BY THEN.
WHATEVER, JUST GET THIS CARRIAGE ROLLING.
BEEP BEEP
MOVE IT! NOW
SQUIRT
!
SHOVE
NOT SO FAST, DAARLING. BEFORE I FORGET, THERE'S ONE THING YOU SHOULD KNOW.
NEIGH!!
I'LL GIVE IT A ZERO FOR TACT, BUT IT'LL HAVE TO DO
TO THE PALACE- QUICK!

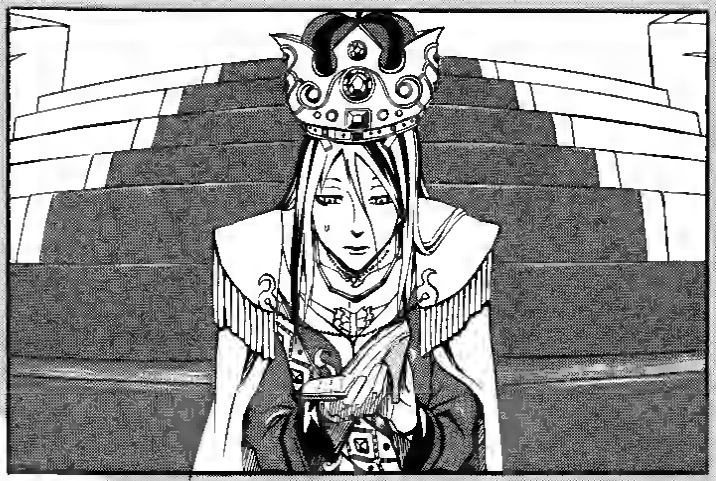

I...IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE...
WOULD YOU CARE TO DANCE?

for the rest of time...
This is so ACE! Oh, he's such a hunk. I wish I could keep dancing with him...

Tic
Speaking of time,
It's already midnight. The spell's about to break.

But...

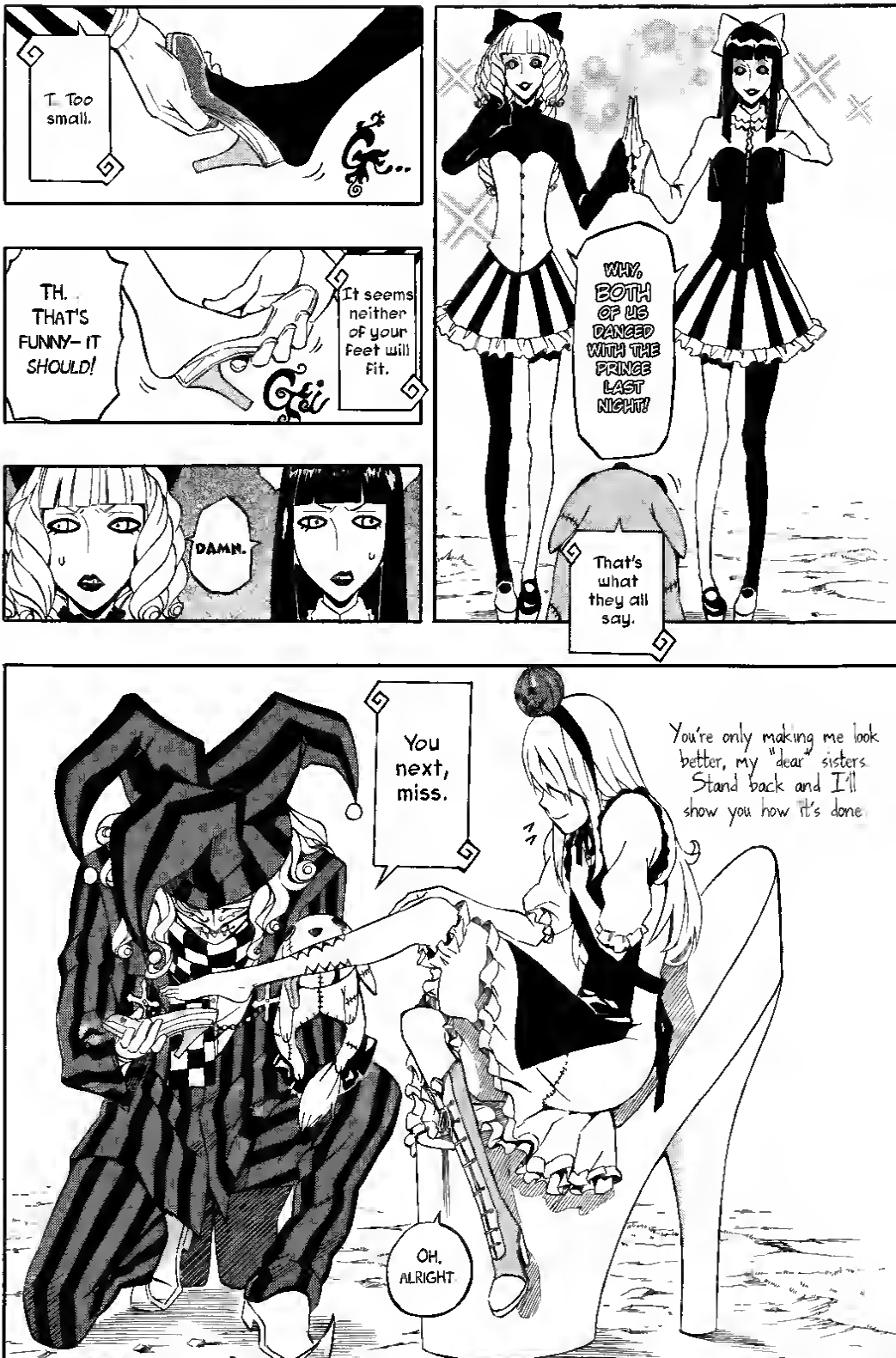
YES—!!
Oh, what I'd give for a few extra minutes... But time's up!
BATHUMP
BATHUMP
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D VERY MUCH LIKE TO PLACE UPON YOUR FINGER...
WHAT SAY YOU JOIN ME UP IN THE PRINCE'S ROYAL CHAMBERS?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME!!
AH! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!? WAIT!!
CLAK
CLAK
THAT!!
...is to turn back into that scraggily ragamuffin right in front of the prince...
The last thing I want...
...But...
Any... thing...
POP
OH NO!



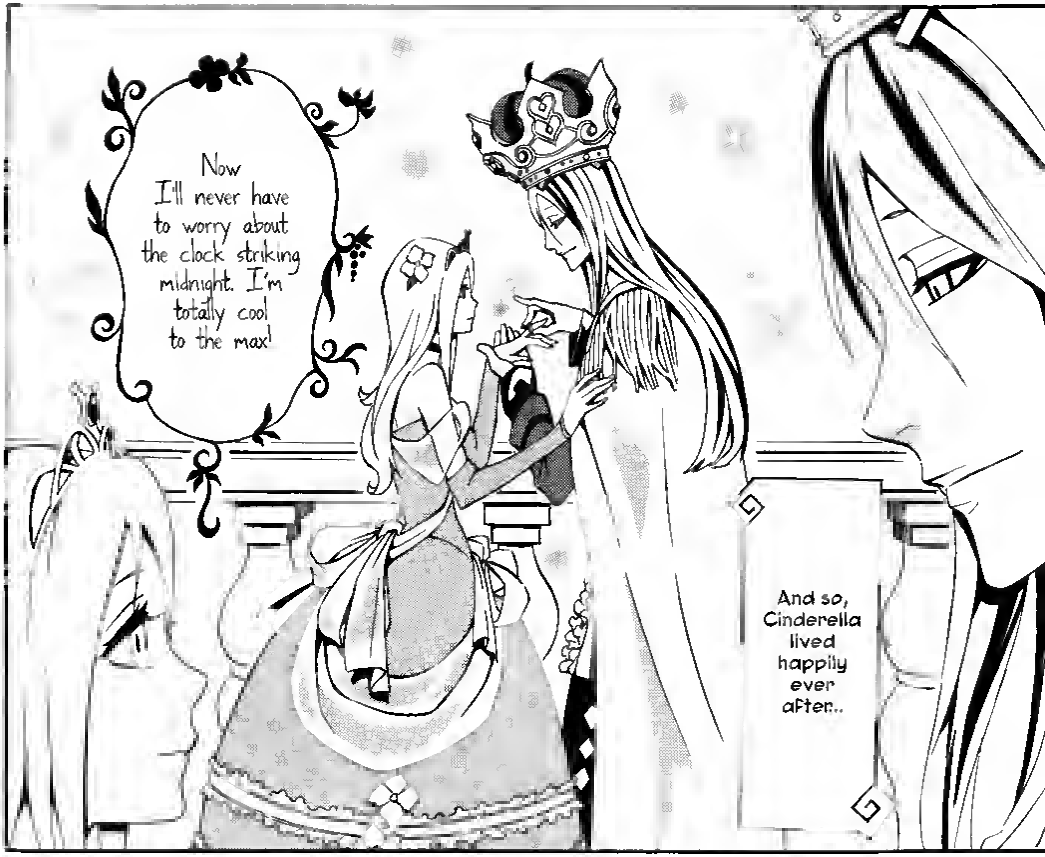
YEAH. AND DON'T FORGET TO DRAW SOME WATER ONCE YOU'RE DONE! NOW GET DOWN FROM THERE!
THERE YOU ARE, YOU LAZY BRAT! GET BACK IN THE KITCHEN AND MAKE ME SOMETHING TO EAT!!
TCH

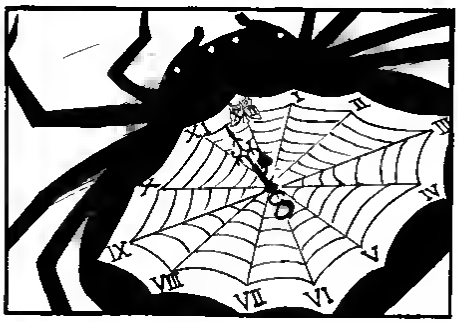
COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE!
CIN-DER-EL-LA!!

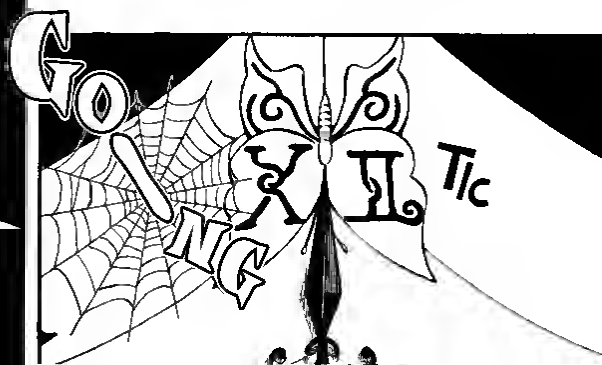
WHO'RE YOU?
Yes indeed, please come down from there.
I am a simple palace jester who goes by the name Fox Pierro Dz-
WAIT, WHAT?
THANKS, BUT WE'VE GOT ENOUGH CLOWNS AROUND HERE AS IS.
The situation is thus: his highness, the prince, is desperately searching for the young woman with whom he danced last night.
His highness' mind has been full with nothing but thoughts of this mysterious maiden, and wishes most earnestly to ask for her hand in marriage
TH-THE PRINCE !?
MAR-RIA-GE!?
and thus it so happens that the maiden whose foot perfectly "matches" this shoe is therefore the woman who danced with his highness last night.
While exiting the palace last night, she left upon the stairs a glass slipper, which I have brought with me on this occasion,
Woefully, we have called upon all the nobility in the kingdom with no sign of this maiden, so we are left, now, with no choice but to call upon the common people of the land as well
SHIFF SHIFF
IR... IRRE-SIST-IBLE.


T. Too small.
Ge..
TH.. THAT'S FUNNY- IT SHOULD!
It seems neither of your feet will fit.
Gei
DAMN.
WHY, BOTH OF US DANCED WITH THE PRINCE LAST NIGHT!
That's what they all say.
You next, miss.
You're only making me look better, my "dear" sisters. Stand back and I'll show you how it's done.
OH, ALRIGHT

It doesn't fit!?
What!?
Why? How!?
TH.. THAT CAN'T...
IRRSIST-IBLE.
SNIFF SNIFF
Not a match here, either..
Let us hurry to the palace at once.
Your feet must be swollen from dancing!!
HA!
A-ha! The smell reveals all! You are the maiden we've been looking for!


Now I'll never have to worry about the clock striking midnight. I'm totally cool to the max!
And so, Cinderella lived happily ever after..

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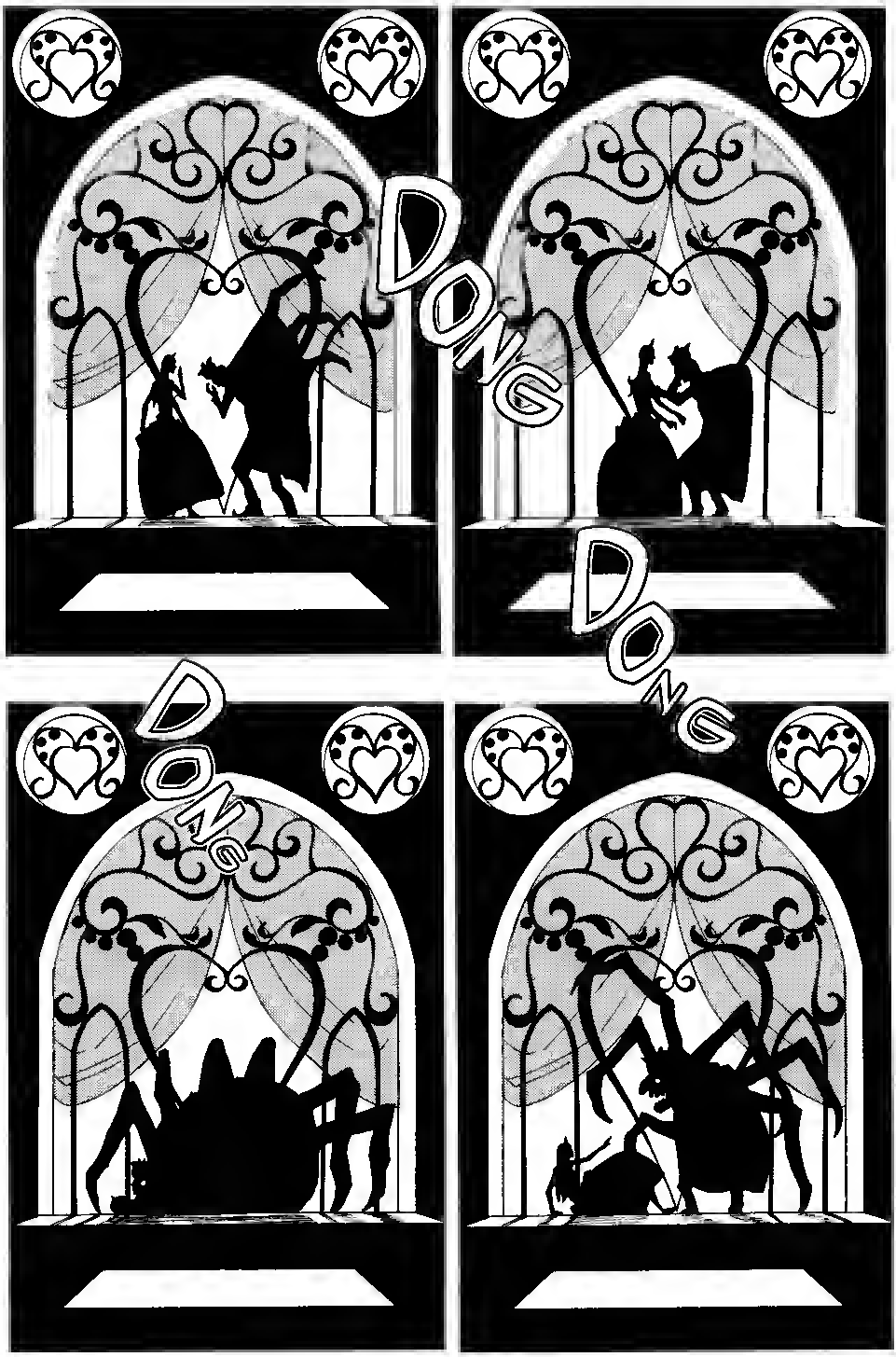
DONG
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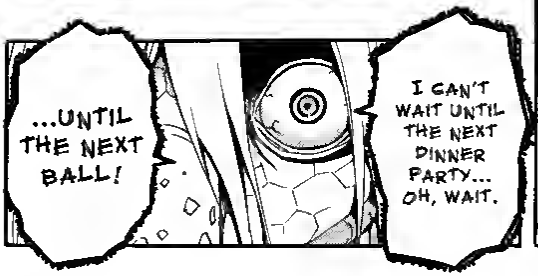
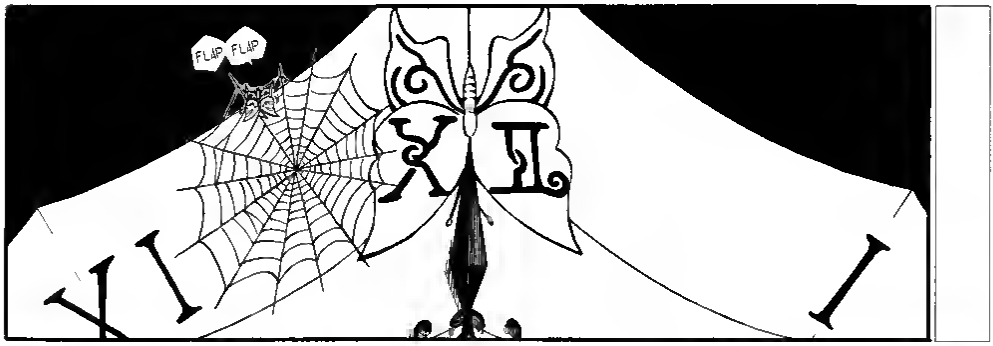
NO-NO!
YOU SPOILED LITTLE BOY, YOU.
DO-NG...
YOU'D BE HUNGRY TOO, IF LAST NIGHT'S DINNER RAN AWAY FROM YOU.
...Until the stroke of midnight, that is
PLEASE, MAMA! PLEEE-ASE!
AH! MAMA! CAN'T YOU FIX THAT THING WHERE YOUR MAGIC ONLY WORKS UNTIL MIDNIGHT?
SAVE SOME OF THAT FRESH BLOOD FOR ME, DAAHLING.
KRRNCH MUNCH
GIRLS WHO LOOK THEIR BEST AND ARE COMPLETELY HAPPY WITH LIFE!
CAN'T FIND THAT ROBUST FLAVOR ANYWHERE ELSE
AAAAH! THAT HIT THE SPOT. Y'JUST CAN'T BEAT EM-

ZWIP
AND, NOW IT'S TIME FOR GOOD LITTLE BOYS TO GO BEDDY-BYE.

DON'T FORGET TO BRUSH YOUR TEETH AFTER EVERY MEAL!


...UNTIL THE NEXT BALL!
I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT DINNER PARTY... OH, WAIT.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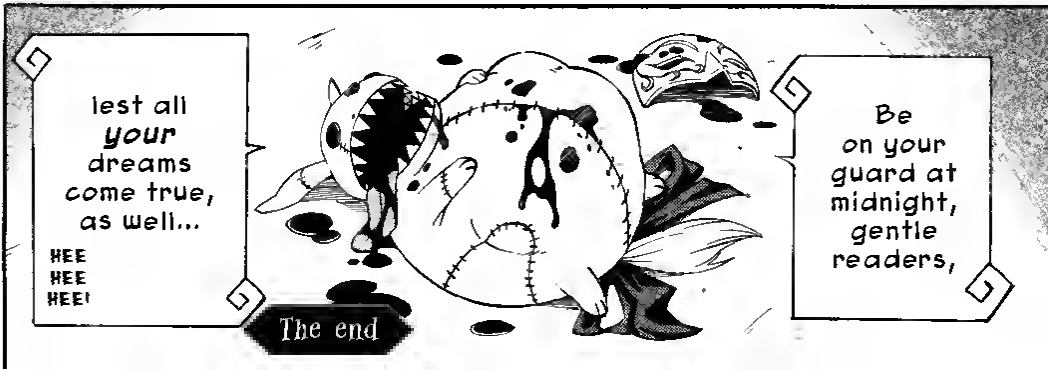
lest all *your* dreams come true, as well...
HEE HEE HEE!
The end
Be on your guard at midnight, gentle readers,